

people using children. But I can't support a bill that says when you are caught driving drunk, whether it is first, second or third offense, you are going to lose your job and your family is probably going to end up on welfare if you follow it all through.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Hoagland is one hundred percent correct when he said this vote was unanimous on the bill, unanimous among the five senators who were there. So it got out with five pro votes and three absent. And you will notice on a number of very bad Judiciary Committee bills, or bills that were advanced by the Judiciary Committee, the same five will be there and the same three absent because that day when the three of us were absent, they ran a lot of them through in a hurry and this is one of them. Now, if you will look on page 4 at these penalties, you will notice that Senator Hoagland is trying to work for these agencies that provide these treatment programs for people who are caught DWI. I think you should never pervert and distort the law, especially when it comes to imposing punishments for the purpose of social engineering. Senator Hoagland and some other people feel that you ought to use the threat of long imprisonment to force people into certain treatment programs. A punishment should always be geared to the offense. If it was felt that seven days is an adequate punishment for this offense, it should be seven days. But to stand here and admit openly that you are not changing the punishment from 7, which was the maximum, you are not changing it to allow a 30-day sentence because you suddenly think the offense is worse, you are adding 30 days to make judges be in a position to send people to alcohol treatment programs which means that you have separated from the offense the punishment. The punishment should be seven days, it was felt, and the only reason they are changing it, remember, and Senator Hoagland told you this, is judges said they want to be able to force people into certain treatment programs. That is a perversion and distortion of the law. They have gone from 7 days, which was the maximum, to a 30-day maximum. That is more than quadrupling the